Conducting a Voter Registration Drive

As Americans, no right is more precious than the constitutional right to select our leaders. Yet millions of eligible Hoosier are not even registered to vote.

There was a time in our nation's history when barriers were erected to limit citizen access to the voting booth. Today, after the hard work and sacrifice of so many Americans, *all* citizens are guaranteed the right to have their voices heard. These precious rights are only of value if citizens take time to exercise them.

How Do I Organize a Voter Registration Drive?

- 1. Contact the <u>Indiana Election Division</u> to download Voter Registration Applications and to obtain education and outreach pieces to handout.
- 2. Indiana law prohibits any benefit or "reward" (such as balloons, candy, school credits, etc.) from being provided in exchange for registering to vote or voting.
- 3. Be creative with your table decorate it with balloons and/or signs encouraging people to "Register to Vote Here." No campaign material of any type is allowed to be displayed on or around the table.
- 4. Make sure you have all the necessary supplies for the voter registration drive, such as pens, clipboards, forms and volunteers.
- 5. Don't be shy have some volunteers standing with clipboards and registration forms in-hand, ready to ask passers-by if they are registered to vote.
- 6. Have fun! You are helping Hoosiers fulfill one of their most important civic responsibilities feel good about what you are doing!
- 7. When you have completed your registration drive, store the completed voter registration forms in a safe place until you are able to return them to the County Voter Registration Office or the County Clerk's Office. The registration forms should be returned as soon as possible.

Questions You Might Be Asked

Q. Do I have to register by political party in Indiana?

A. No, Indiana does not register voters by political party.

Q. Do I have to re-register if I move?

A. Yes. Voters are required to notify their county election board if they move. If you move within 30 days of an election, you may vote in your old precinct for that election

Q. Do I have to re-register for each election?

A. No, you only need to register once. You may check to see if you are registered by calling your county clerk or county voter registration office.